TO ATTEND FUNERAL OLDEST MEMBER

Oldest Inhabitants' Association Loses J. P. Ardeeser By Death.

LAST OF A FAMILY OF NONOGENARIANS

Services to Be Held at Church of Which He Was Last Surviving Charter Member.

John Paul Ardeeser, the oldest mem ber of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants, is dead, in his ninety-fifth year, at his home, 123 New York avenue northwest, after an illness of six months. His death was due to the in-firmities incident to his age.

Until within the last two years Mr. Ardeeser enjoyed exceptionally good health, and was a daily visitor at Cabin John's bridge on pleasant days. He leaves one son, Edward C. Ardeeser, and two grandchildren, Edward C. Ardeeser, jr., and John Paul Ardeeser. He was the last of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to advanced

Each member of the Association of Oldest inhabitants who is able to do so will attend the funeral. The services will be held Thursday at 9:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Mother of God German Catholic Church, of which Mr. Ardeeser was the last surviving charter

High requiem mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Father A. s. Wunnen-berg, rector, and burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Members of St. Jo-seph's Beneficial Organization, of which seph's Beneficial Organization, of which Mr. Archeser was also the oldest member, will act as palibearers at his funeral, and honorary palibearers will be selected from the oldest inhabitants. Mr. Ardeeser, who died last night, was born in Schwitten, Switzerland, August 23, 1814, the son of a captain in appleon's Swiss Guards. He was educated by his father and later apprenticed to a carpenter. For several years after he had completed his apprenticeship, he followed his trade in his native town, but upon the death of his father he and his younger brother, Edward, decided to try the new world. They settled the estate and started for America. In Paris, however, the younger brother, through association with French hussars, became fascinated by the idea of a soldier's life. He changed his original plan, turned south to Italy, and became a member of the

to Italy, and became a member of the Pope's guard, in the service of which ne died.

Mr. Ardeeser came to America. He established himself in Washington as a contractor and builder, and was at that time one of the leading artisans of the Capital.

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In 1845 he built the original St. Mary's German Catholic Church. This was then one of the largest churches in Washington. Twenty years ago when the old structure was no longer adequate to accommodate the congregation and it became necessary to build a larger church. Mr. Ardesser was made chairman of the building committee. With his own

HOUSE MAY PROBE **CUSTOMS FRAUDS**

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Saturday night at the Hotel Gordon.
Various trustees will be present. A number of addresses are listed. The diners will sit down at 7:30 o'clock.

Give Sanction to Inquiry.

Chairman Hill, of the House Commitpartment, has promised to take up with the President immediately the question of reporting the Young and the President immediately the question of proporting the Young and the President immediately the question of proporting the Young and The President immediately the question of proporting the Young and of reporting the Fitzgerald resolution which provides for a Congressional investigation of recent frauds at the New York customs house.

The President indicated some time ago that if Congress were to start an investigation it might interfere with the plans of the Department of Justice. The resolution has, therefore, lain dormant in Mr. Hill's committee room since that time.

There is an increasing belief in the House, however, that matters are being unnecessarily delayed and that the House should now be let alone in its desire to probe the sugar frauds of its own account, an I unless the Chief Executive renews his request that the Department of Justice shall handle the matter for a while longer, the Fitzgerald resolution while longer, the Fitzgerald resolution in all probability will be reported.

BOWERMAN JOINS FIGHT ON "COMICS"

George W. Bowerman, librarian of the Public Library, has joined in the war against the comic supplement to newspapers. At the annual meeting of the League for the Decoration of Schools yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Richardson, on Connecticut avenue, Mr. Bowerman introduced resolution urging members to use their influence toward the suppression of the comic supplement.

The following are the newly elected feague officers: Miss Leila Mechlin, president; Arthur J. Parsons and E. B. Brown, vice presidents; Miss Irene Solomons, secretary; Mrs. Charles J. Bell, treasurer.





ACCUSED PHYSICIAN AND HIS WIFE



DR. BENNETT CLARK HYDE. On Trial for the Murder of Colonel Swope.

Husband In Swope Case

Continues Feud.

There will be a banquet of the Co-

PITCHED BALL FATAL.

NEW YORK, April 12.-Baseball has claimed its first victim of the 1910 season here in the death of fifteen-

Through the Floor?

Feel Like Sinking

MRS. HYDE IGNORED **DECLARES STRIKE** AT MURDER TRIAL

Mother Accusing Daughter's President Gompers Returns From Conferences In Philadelphia.

KANSAS CITY, April 12.—The feature of the opening days of the trial of Dr. Bennett Clark Hyde, accused of the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, is the complete ignoring of Mrs. Hyde by her mother, Mrs. Logan H. Swope, the principal accuser of Dr. Hyde.

That the street carmen's strike in Philadelphia has developed into a strike of endurance, is the opinion of President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, who have returned to Washington after visiting Philadelphia.

In the court today and yesterday Mrs. Swope watched the drawing of the jury with intense interest. Near her, almost touching her, Mrs. Hyde was seated These officers attended conferences of labor men and meetings between labor leaders, politicians, and officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company,

touching her, Mrs. Hyde was seated with her husband. At no time did the two women give the slightest indication either knew the other was in the world. While the feud between the daughter and the mother, starting with the accusation against Dr. Hyde by the mother, was supposed to have been severely drawn, it was not thought that the mother would refuse to recognize her daughter.

Dr. Hyde and his wife appeared to be in as good spirits today as yesterday. The Roe'ding Company, which manu

in as good spirits today as yesterday.

Neither seems to have any doubt as to the outcome of the trial and while both show great interest in the drawing of dissatisfaction with the conduct of the

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MRS. BENNETT CLARK HYDE.

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DISARMAMENT PLAN

Will Appear As Apostle of Peace At Courts of Europe.

That Theodore Roosevelt will pro pose gradual disarmament to the lead-ing rulers of Europe before he returns this country is asserted here on high authority.

Word has come to Washington that when Mr. Roosevelt is in Berlin he will talk over with Kaiser Wilhelm the question of gradual disarmament.

will talk over with Kaiser witherm the question of gradual disarmament. If the Kaiser evinces any interest in the question, it is understood Roosevelt purposes to take it up with King Edward. His hope is to get both the Kaiser and King Edward interested to the extent of inducing them, along with other leading rulers of Europe, to enter into a movement for gradual disarmament.

As tending to confirm the reports which have come to Washington, Mr. Rooseveit recently at Spezzia, Italy, said he looked with regret on the gradually increasing armaments and would soon have something more definite to say on the subject. Whether he had anything to say about it to the King of Italy is not known here.

In case Mr. Roosevelt appears in the light of a promoter of disarmament at the different European courts, it will no doubt be said he is not consistent with his past course in advocating a big navy for America and otherwise standing for large armed forces. But in answer some of Roosevelt's friends say he urged a big navy only because other nations were insistent on moving in that direction and not because he has not long seen the wisdom of disarming.

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